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EXDIS TOSEC 57

E. O. 11652

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: WSAG MEETING, MAY 15, ON LEBANON  
FOR THE SECRETARY

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A MEMORANDUM BILL PORTER HAS  
PREPARED ON THE FIRST PART OF THE MAY 15 WSAG MEETING.  
WE WILL SEND YOU TOMORROW THE MEMORANDUM ON THE SOUTHEAST  
ASIA PORTION. FYI BEIRUT 5588 ( SENT AS TOSEC 44)  
HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TIME OF THE MEETING. A  
RESPONSE TO THAT MESSAGE IS BEING WORKED ON NOW. END FYI

2. KISSINGER STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS  
SITUATION AND POSSIBLE U. S. ACTION IN LEBANON IN CERTAIN  
CIRCUMSTANCES. NEA HAD DRAFTED A MESSAGE TO BEIRUT  
WHICH CONTAINED COMMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS ALONG LINES  
PREVIOUSLY STATED BY THE SECRETARY IN HIS MEMO OF  
NOVEMBER 30, 1972 TO THE PRESIDENT. KISSINGER EXPRESSED  
VIEW THAT WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE SET UP TO DEVELOP A  
CONTINGENCY PAPER FOR DEALING WITH A POSSIBLE OUTBREAK  
IN THE LEBANON INVOLVING SYRIAN/ FEDAYEEN ACTION. THE  
PAPER SHOULD ALSO COVER ACTIONS THE UNITED STATES MIGHT  
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TAKE IF THE ISRAELIS BECAME INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO  
PUSH THE SYRIANS OUT OF LEBANON; AND IT SHOULD DISCUSS  
PROBLEMS WE WOULD HAVE TO FACE IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO  
REMOVE AMERICAN CITIZENS AS A RESULT OF A DETERIORATION  
OF CONDITIONS THERE. FINALLY, THE PAPER SHOULD PROVIDE  
FOR DIPLOMATIC ACTION THE U. S. SHOULD CONSIDER IN SUCH

CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING THE NATURE OF ANY APPROACH  
TO THE SOVIETS WE MIGHT DEEM NECESSARY.

3. CIA PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE INDICATING THE SITUATION  
WAS SOMEWHAT BETTER IN THE LEBANON AT THE PRESENT TIME,  
THOUGH THE SEEDS OF STRIFE REMAINED. SCHLESINGER ADDED  
THAT IN THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS  
IMPROVING AND THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY POSTURE AT THE  
PRESENT INDICATED THAT THEY WERE NOT LIKELY TO ENGAGE  
IN MILITARY ACTION FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST. RUSH

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